

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/695,941 Confirmation No. 6279
Applicant : Hammer, et al.
Filed : October 30, 2003
TC/A.U. : 1772
Title: : Cellulose-Hydrate-Containing Food Casing with Vinylpyrrolidone Polymers
Examiner : O Hern, Brent T.
Docket No. : P179 1130.1
Customer No. : 59554

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING
A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 14, 2008 and Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Review dated May 6, 2008, this Amendment and Response is submitted contemporaneously with a Request For Continued Examination and the requisite fee. No additional fees for an extension-of-time are believed to be required as this Amendment and Response is being filed within two months of the date of Notice of Appeal. Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected on the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this submission;

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this submission; and

A Conclusion begins on page 9 of this submission.